

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention comprises a method for franking and processing deliveries, including the following steps: the dispatch client transmits information
5 concerning designated deliveries including details of the recipient to the dispatch service and triggers a process for the payment of the charges; after acceptance of the charge payment process, the dispatch service generates a franking number for each delivery
10 that has been declared, the franking number only being valid for an agreed period of time and thus requiring only a limited number of digits; the franking number is saved together with the recipient details to a searchable franking database; the franking numbers are
15 transmitted to the dispatch client; the latter applies these numbers to the respective deliveries; and the recipient details and the franking numbers of the submitted deliveries are read and searched for in the franking database, whereby once the corresponding entry
20 has been found, the delivery is processed further and the entry is invalidated. This sufficiently secure method has negligible requirements in terms of the application and reading of the franking numbers, in addition to the operation of the franking process and
25 is therefore particularly easy to use.